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Applicants : Khalid El Akel et al.  
Application No. : 10/668,765  
Filed : September 23, 2003  
For : PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR DETECTION OF STRAIGHT-LINE SEGMENTS IN A STREAM OF DIGITAL DATA THAT ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF AN IMAGE IN WHICH THE CONTOUR POINTS OF SAID IMAGE ARE IDENTIFIED  
Examiner : Hussein Akhavannik  
Art Unit : 2621  
Docket No. : 480062.720D1  
Date : October 28, 2004

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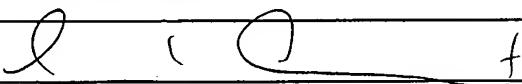
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